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obtain monies for the developmentally disabled staff workers. We knew about this before, about money being available in the...in the Health and Human Services portion of developmentally disabled, but initially they had committed that they have already spent the money on services, and now they're contending apparently that they could use this money for one-time salary increases. But, you know, we had the same discussion before and I just have to reiterate this, that we have other people that are in the provider category. We gave them the same rate that we're giving the developmentally disabled workers--2 percent. So...and the reason they got 2 percent, and the other providers in that category, was because they had been receiving additional funds since 2001. There was another group, that hadn't gotten anything since 2001, we gave 3 percent. So I mentioned the other day when we were talking about this that we're talking about...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...people who are similarly situated, to a certain extent, in that if we give money from whatever means to one group, I think we feel somewhat morally compelled to review the provisions that we've made for the other providers for services, and I think that that would be a very large sum of money and I don't know that we can do that. I don't...I don't think we want to try to do that. And, as Senator Byars has alluded, this would have to be carried on. So those of you who are going to be here two years from now, if you do this, remember that that's going to be in the base for this because we're going to have to, unless, as Senator Byars says, they could put some intent language, but in all reality we're going to have to put in this, in the base, so that when you look for the next biennium you're going to see this sum of money added into that category of service. So it isn't going to go away.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: It's a temporary "allevement" of the problem, but it isn't going away. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson and Senator